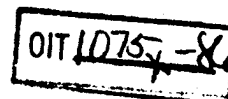


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology, DA

FROM:

  
Director of Information Resources, DI

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SUBJECT: Request for Technical Briefings

1. We greatly appreciate the briefing that  gave to the DI ADP Advisory Group on the PBX schedule. While there are many external factors that cause uncertainty, she gave a very good update on the current status. There were many questions raised about some of the technical capabilities of the PBX. I would like to ask you to provide us a follow-up briefing, at the 8 January session, on the PBX by someone who can address the capabilities of the PBX. The level of understanding within the Directorate is uneven and many people do not know or appreciate the capabilities the new system will offer. I would like to provide them the opportunity to increase their knowledge and be better prepared when the surveys begin for the PBX installation. Some of the specific topics we would like to have addressed are: which features can be controlled by the individual phone and which features require a data base update or are system universal parameters, can conventional lines requiring modems pass through the switch, etc.

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2. At the same session I would also like to have someone from your PCNEWS project give us an update of the Beta testing status. There are a number of activities underway within the Directorate that are heavily dependent on this effort. As always with these efforts there are more concerns than facts, and it is my intent to minimize the confusion.

3. These two efforts are of extremely high importance to the Directorate if we are to achieve our highest priority of "universal access." The ability to put a workstation on every Diers desk this fiscal year rests with these efforts. Please be sure to let us know if there is anything we can do to support either of these efforts.

4. Your continued support to the DI ADP Advisory Group is greatly appreciated.

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